

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 01-179)**

In the Application of:

Rowe et al.) Examiner: V. Portner

Serial No.: 09/786,253) Group Art Unit: 1645

Filing Date: August 15, 2001) Fax No. 703-872-9306

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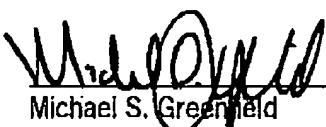
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Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a) Response to Office Action Mailed October 22, 2004.
2. With respect to fees:
 - a) No fees are required.
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Respectfully submitted,



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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.

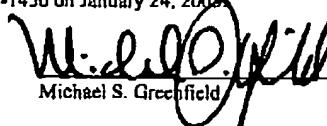
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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